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VIA INTERNET

Attn: Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: FCC Docket No. 08-15

I have Cerebral Palsy and am an attorney who practices disability rights law. I use STS daily in both my person and professional life. Without STS, it would be extremely difficult for me to do my job. STS allows me to be a more active member of society.

I always use STS for work with clients. It is usually their first experience using it, many of whom could benefit from it. It is apparent that more outreach is needed about this invaluable service.

Nationwide STS Outreach

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has requested comments on nationwide STS outreach. One or more nationwide providers should be selected. STS should be provided by the FCC without any responsibility given to the states. Some states, such as California, have Visually-Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA-STS), which enables a Communication Assistant (CA) to see the face and gestures of the caller to help the CA better understand the caller. Outreach providers should become familiar with VA-STS.

There are thousands of potential users but the FCC or another entity would need to commit to identify and teach them to use STS and VA-STS. If the relay providers are expected to identify and teach consumers to use STS, they would need to have the expectation of

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RE: Associate Attorney Position

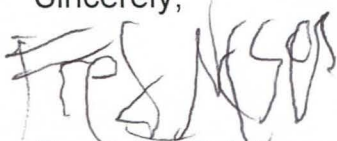
Dear Ms. McCombs:

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant associate attorney position in your office. I feel that my background as a disability rights attorney has prepared me for this position assisting people with disabilities obtain Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

I currently am an attorney at Disability Rights California, California's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities. As such, Disability Rights California receives a grant through the Social Security Administration (SSA) called Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS). Under the PABSS grant, Disability Rights California assists recipients of SSDI and SSI who is returning to work or wish to return to work. Within the last three years, I have represented two or three SSDI recipients with overpayments in front of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). In addition, I have been supervising an advocate who worked extensively on SSI and SSDI issues. I have helped her assist countless clients with SSI and SSDI issues.

I look forward to discuss how my experience and skills can benefit your office. I am enclosing a copy of my resume. You can contact me at (510) 981-1801 or fnisen@covad.net.

Sincerely,

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Frederick P. Nisen, Esq.

Enclosure

I encourage the establishment of profiles of all the users to facilitate regular and emergency STS calls by having necessary information available to the CA. That way information on user preferences will not need to be identified each time the consumer calls STS.

STS Council

I support the establishment of an STS advisory council to formulate the STS outreach plan. The council could also help establish mandatory minimum standards for STS CA training and performance.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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Fred Nisen